

founded the firm of Haywood Jordan McCown SAT Inc., Haywood Jordan McCowan of Houston Inc and Haywood Jordan McCown of Dallas Inc (HJM). Under Norcell's leadership HJM has been the recipient of the prestigious Merit Design and Honor Awards. The University of Texas—Dallas, Student Union Center was also a design award winner along with numerous housing developments in Houston, Austin, Dallas and San Antonio areas such as the Texas Southern University Physical Education Building and Business Technology Building in Houston, Texas; Lincoln Magnet High School in Dallas, Texas; Alamodome Stadium and the completed Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center both in San Antonio, Texas.

His professional memberships include the American Institute of Architects, Texas Society of Architects, the Society of American Military Engineers. He is also a life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He was the first African American to be appointed to the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners and served as Vice Chairman of the Board. He was also a Delegate on the White House Sub-Committee on Small Business in 1995. He is the recipient of the 1997 Bank of America—San Antonio, Black History Chronicles Trail Blazer Award and a 1997 Texas Legislative Black Caucus Outstanding Texans at Large Honoree. The San Antonio Chapter of the UT Ex-Students Association awarded him this 1999 Outstanding San Antonio Texas-Ex Award.

In addition to his many professional achievements, Mr. Haywood is a concerned professional who believes that architecture can be a significant part of the healing and problem solving process. His most passionate interests lie in early child training and development. He actively supports the YMCA, Boy's and Girl's Club of San Antonio and many other local youth organizations. He is a life member of both the Ex-Students' Association and the UT President's Associates. Mr. Haywood has personally been cited with many awards for his Humanitarian and civic duties.

Mr. Speaker, our Country is a better one because we have a Norcell D. Haywood and he deserves recognition for his decades of work.

HONORING MS. GABRIELLE MARIE ARANDA AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY CLASS OF 2014

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Gabrielle Marie Aranda as a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2014.

Gabby graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in Business Management and a minor in Spanish, and she received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on May 27, 2014.

Her career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Gabby's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation. The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

The challenge for this young woman will be to retain as much as possible, pass what she learns to others, and live life for every moment.

South Mississippi is proud of Gabby and her accomplishments, and we look forward to her continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Air Force officer.

As Gabby embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that she may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Air Force Academy.

I would like to send Gabby my best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors, thank her for her service, and congratulate her on this momentous occasion.

CELEBRATING THE WEDDING OF AMBER GRAY KIRBY AND KEVIN "KIP" TALLEY

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the upcoming wedding of Amber Gray Kirby and Kevin "Kip" Talley. Ms. Kirby is a native of Mt. Olive, NC and graduate of NC State University, Wake Forest Law School, and American University. As a constituent and friend, she is truly an exemplary example of the quality leaders our communities produce. Mr. Talley is a native of Washington, DC and attended The Pennsylvania State University. His advice and council on issues related to premium cigars has been an invaluable asset to my Congressional office.

This is why I am happy to stand here today in recognition of their upcoming wedding on June 14, 2014 in Washington, DC at Western Presbyterian Church. Being incredibly bright individuals, I am confident that Amber and Kip will treat each other with the love, dignity, and respect that guarantees a long-lasting marriage.

It is a privilege to recognize two individuals who have become friends and well-respected throughout this Congress. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Amber and Kip on their upcoming nuptials and wishing them a bright and happy future together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I submit a clarification of my vote during consideration of H.R. 4745, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015. I fully intended to continue my strong support of the Housing for Persons with AIDS program and mistakenly voted "no" on rollcall vote 277, the Nadler Amendment. I intended to vote "aye."

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THE PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA) FUNDING IN FY15 TRANSPORTATION-HUD APPROPRIATIONS BILL (H.R. 4745)

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Mr. GRIFFIN's (the Gentlemen from Arkansas) amendment to increase funding for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). The amendment was adopted and included in H.R. 4745, as passed.

On March 4, 2014, an incident involving a gas line in Ewing, New Jersey resulted in an explosion damaging dozens of homes—destroying some, injuring seven construction workers, and claiming one life.

Although the investigation of this particular accident is ongoing, it is a reminder of the need to properly inspect and operate safely around our country's expanding pipeline infrastructure.

The pipeline in this instance was only a 2 inch line, however elsewhere in Central New Jersey, and around the country, pipelines with much greater capacity are aging. Combined with demand for new energy pipeline infrastructure, many pipelines are now being constructed or expanded.

For instance, a 42-inch pipeline expansion project has been proposed along an existing route in my New Jersey district. I have heard from my constituents about their safety concerns with this project which will require excavation and construction work along an existing, more than 50 year old pipeline, which runs past homes and schools.

Nationally, about one-third of our natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines are over 50 years old.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is primarily responsible for reviewing proposals to build interstate natural gas pipelines, but PHMSA has a role in enforcing regulations and standards for design and construction.

The bill before us today recommends \$131,500,000 to continue pipeline safety operations, research and development, and state grants-in-aid, which is \$12,413,000 above fiscal year 2014 but \$26,500,000 below the President's budget request.

I appreciate the Committee's work to increase funding for PHMSA over the previous fiscal years, and I am happy to support Mr.